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In re Application of :  
Sumio Kawano, et al. :  
Application No. 09/810,278 :  
Filed: March 16, 2001 :  
Attorney Docket No. KNI-148-A :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed October 22, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A final Office action was mailed to applicant on November 14, 2002, which set a 3 (three) month shortened statutory period for reply. Applicant filed an amendment on February 7, 2003, but the amendment did not place the application in condition for allowance. Since an acceptable reply was not received and no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 were obtained, the application became abandoned on February 15, 2003.

Since the application became abandoned, applicant filed the instant petition and a proposed reply, namely, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114. Receipt of the RCE is acknowledged.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3223.

The application file is being referred to Technology Center 2800 for processing the RCE filed with the instant petition.

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